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ITEM 4

Psychological Strategy Plan for the Middle East
(PSB D-22)

Summary: This plan has been in the process of development for almost a year, with CIA participating. The first 18 pages are a digest of the plan; objectives and basic tasks are set forth, and illustrative actions and general guidance as to timing and phasing are given. This is one of the first plans developed under the new planning format, and is more readable and usable in this form.

The CIA staff believes this plan offers valuable guidance and that it can be regarded as a professional product. It wishes to emphasize, however, the statement on page 15 of the plan that pure psychological manipulation will be of slight value until certain U. S. policies to which the Arabs take exception are changed. For specific policies your attention is invited to the "Feasibility Factors" paragraph on page 6 of Annex A.

A few minor editorial revisions are required which it would appear within the competence of the Director of the PSB to approve. It is suggested that the Board delegate this responsibility to him in this instance.

Recommendation: That you express Agency approval of the Psychological Strategy Plan for the Middle East.